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1. CHARGE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO ASQT. VICE FONMIN KIM CHONG TAE AFTERNOON OF AUG 1. KIM SAID HE PERSONALLY NOT SURPRISED AT USG REACTION NOR DID HE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN EARLIER TABBED AS ROKG OFFICIAL WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN SENT TO CAIRO HAD PLAN MATERIALIZED BUT THAT HE SO CONFIDENT OF NEGATIVE USG REACTION THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION FROM CHARGE FOR DATE ON WHICH HE WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN IN CAIRO.

2. IN EXPRESSION APPRECIATION FOR USG CONSIDERATION, KIM SAID THAT ROKG WOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE MEANS BY WHICH IT MIGHT PROVIDE SOME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT. PROJECTS BEING SUGGESTED BY EGYPTIANS, HOWEVER, ARE BEYOND ABILITY OF ROKG TO FINANCE AND ROKG WOULD PROBABLY THEREFORE CONTINUE TO EXPLORE NASR'S IDEA OF COMBINING SAUDI MONEY WITH KOREAN

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